Misuse of Ircon Aircraft by Railways

284. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Railways misused Ircon Aircraft" published in the 'Statesman' dated the 25th December, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Railways hired Ircon's aircraft at a number of times for unofficial purposes;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof:

(d) whether any responsibility has been fixed by Government in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAIL WAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (e)The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Budgetary Support for Dismal Internal Source Generation in the Railways

285. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought budgetary support from the Planning commission to overcome dismal internal source generation, during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) The Railway's Annual Plan consists of Budgetary Support and Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources. Proposals at the time of ~ fixation of Annual Plans for next year are submitted to the Planning Commission which *inter-alia* discusses the financial position and likely availability of the resources for financing the Plan expenditure for next year. The position of